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Title: METHOD FOR OPERATING AN APPLIANCE
COMPRISING AT LEAST ONE SUB-PROGRAM STEP
"DRYING"

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98, I am submitting a completed "INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT" (*Form PTO/SB/08A*) with patents and/or publications as delineated therein attached.

FR 1 368 101 discloses a container 1 for retaining solids 3 from which it is desired to extract the liquid they contain. Heated air flows over the solids 3 to promote evaporation and the air is guided along a passage 6 and a conduit 7 to reach a thermo-electric device 4 that promotes condensation via cooling of the air; thereafter, the cooled air is reheated and is recirculated into the interior at which the solids 3 are located.


DE 198 13 924 discloses that the arrangement has a Peltier element for extracting thermal energy from the interior of a working container. A heat absorbing junction (11) of the Peltier element can be arranged inside the container (2). Alternatively, a heat absorbing junction of the Peltier element can be mounted on the outside of the container and connected to the external container wall. An Independent claim is also included for a method of operating a condensation arrangement.

EP 1 344 487 discloses that the wash chamber (1) of a dish washing machine has air circulated through a duct (2) during the drying cycle and openings are provided covered by glass plates (12) for the optical sensors (10,30) comprising light emitting and receiving diodes. A dry glass plate results in a received signal.

DE 30 21 746 discloses a method for executing a dishwashing program for a dishwasher wherein a heat exchanger 9 is filled with cold water solely at the end of a program sub-step "cleaning" and the water that has been stored in a heat-isolated reservoir 15 and heat during the program sub-step "cleaning" is introduced into the dish retaining compartment of the dishwasher during a program sub-step "clear rinsing".

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